

REMARKS

Reconsideration and entry of this amendment is respectfully requested. Claims 4, 10, 13 and 20 have been amended. Claims 1-20 remain pending.

Claims 1-2, 7-11, 16-18 and 19 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Knight et al. in view of Gritter et al. and claims 3 and 12 stand rejected as being unpatentable over Knight et al. in view of Gritter et al. and further in view of level of ordinary skills of a worker in the art.

The Examiner contends that Knight teaches a pivot structure defined by various portions of the mounting system 36. However, in rejecting claims 1 and 19, the Examiner failed to address the claim language “a center of the pivot is aligned with the axis of rotation”. This feature has been added to claim 10 as well, and is not taught nor suggested by Knight. In fact, Knight teaches at column 6, lines 28-31, “During torsional deflection of the mounting legs 40a-40d, the looped outer end portions 46 thereof are permitted to pivot about the support assembly axes 60 to reduce torsional bending stresses borne by the legs 4a-40d.” Thus, any pivoting occurs about the axes 60 (see FIG. 2 of Knight), none of which is aligned with the axis of rotation of the shaft of the motor as claimed. Therefore, the rejection should be withdrawn.

The allowable subject matter of dependent claims 4-5, 13-15 and 20 is noted with thanks. Claims 4, 13 and 20 have been rewritten in independent format and are considered to be allowable.

All rejections having been addressed, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance and a Notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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